

HB3348



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3348

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-201

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-201

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires automobiles to at all times exhibit at least 2 lighted head lamps when operated upon any highway in this State. Effective January 1, 2016.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Section 12-201 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-201) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-201)

7 Sec. 12-201. When lighted lamps are required.

8 (a) When operated upon any highway in this State, every
9 motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, moped, and low-speed electric
10 bicycle, shall at all times exhibit at least one lighted lamp,
11 showing a white light visible for at least 500 feet in the
12 direction the motorcycle is proceeding. However, in lieu of
13 such lighted lamp, a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, moped, or
14 low-speed electric bicycle may be equipped with and use a means
15 of modulating the upper beam of the head lamp between high and
16 a lower brightness. No such head lamp shall be modulated,
17 except to otherwise comply with this Code, during times when
18 lighted lamps are required for other motor vehicles.

19 (b) All other motor vehicles shall at all times exhibit at
20 least 2 lighted head lamps, with at least one on each side of
21 the front of the vehicle, which satisfy United States
22 Department of Transportation requirements, showing white
23 lights, including that emitted by high intensity discharge

1 (HID) lamps, or lights of a yellow or amber tint, ~~during the~~
2 ~~period from sunset to sunrise, at times when rain, snow, fog,~~
3 ~~or other atmospheric conditions require the use of windshield~~
4 ~~wipers, and at any other times when, due to insufficient light~~
5 ~~or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on~~
6 ~~the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1000~~
7 ~~feet.~~ Parking lamps may be used in addition to but not in lieu
8 of such head lamps. Every motor vehicle, trailer, or
9 semi-trailer shall also exhibit at least 2 lighted lamps,
10 commonly known as tail lamps, which shall be mounted on the
11 left rear and right rear of the vehicle so as to throw a red
12 light visible for at least 500 feet in the reverse direction,
13 except that a truck tractor or road tractor manufactured before
14 January 1, 1968 and all motorcycles need be equipped with only
15 one such tail lamp.

16 (c) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be so
17 constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light a
18 rear registration plate when required and render it clearly
19 legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any tail lamp
20 or tail lamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for
21 illuminating a rear registration plate, shall be so wired as to
22 be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps
23 are lighted.

24 (d) A person shall install only head lamps that satisfy
25 United States Department of Transportation regulations and
26 show white light, including that emitted by HID lamps, or light

1 of a yellow or amber tint for use by a motor vehicle.

2 (e) (Blank).

3 (Source: P.A. 96-487, eff. 1-1-10.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January

5 1, 2016.